



The Friday Message

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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reception	Year 1
This week we have continued learning all about 'The Wise Men visit Jesus' (Matt 2:1-12). We used Godly Play once again, this time focussing on The Three Wise Men's gifts to Jesus. We learnt that gold is a special yellow metal which can be used to make jewellery and that frankincense and myrrh can be used as perfumes or medicine to heal. Both classes discussed what special gifts they had received, and we talked about why they were precious gifts; either because of what they were or who they had come from. In provision, we have enjoyed wrapping our own gifts for Baby Jesus and writing tags for them too.	This week, in RE, Year 1 have been talking about family. We have been discussing as a class the special things we like to do with our families and then we started to talk about Jesus and his family. We looked at special imagery and discussed how they were just like us, and the kind of things they might have liked to do together.
Year 2	Year 3
This week we continued our learning all about Chosen People within the Bible. We first looked at the story of Moses and had great fun using props to re-enact elements of the story. We discussed which parts are sad, happy, and powerful and used a range of art materials to replicate these. We then went and learnt about the story of Daniel and the Lion's den. We deepened this by discussing what we can learn from Daniel and how we should have courage and be loyal in our lives.	In RE year 3 have read the parable of the Good Samaritan. We discussed what happened in the parable and thought about how we can be like the Good Samaritan at home and school. We thought about whether it was easy to be a Christian or not. We have learnt about how St. Paul had to learn to be a Christian and we have thought about what we can learn from his experience. We took part in a hot seating activity to understand more about St. Paul.
Year 4	Year 5
This week, the children have been exploring what it means for Jesus to be truly God and truly human. They have used Bibles to identify moments where Jesus is God and is human, and sometimes where there is a crossover between both. The children have reflected on the importance of Jesus having these different aspects, both for the people of His time and for the lesson we can continue to learn today.	Our focus this week was on the covenant between Abraham and God. In the scriptures we read about how God asked Abraham to give up his life and move to a different place to share God's love. This meant Abraham really had to trust God and put enormous faith in Him. We discussed this together and asked ourselves if we would be willing to do this. However, we also explored how God makes a covenant with us all and to share His love, we need to ensure we are doing the right thing and having trust in His word. We explored the word trust and what that means for our own faith in God.
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Perseverance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">When was a time you have had to 'keep on trying?'</p>
In RE this week, we have looked deeper into the parts of Holy Communion. We started off by unpicking the Our Father prayer, exploring what each line means linking this to what we know about Catholicism and Catholic values. We have then looked at the importance of Receiving Holy Communion for Catholics, the meaning and value behind it and have reflected on how this time can be used to speak personally with Jesus.	